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Arctic winds set to cause spring chill

Forecasters at the Met Office are predicting a stark change to very cold weather for early next week as Arctic winds bring snow to northern and eastern areas of the UK. In marked contrast to the warm start to March, the cold snap will see temperatures plummet by as much as 10 °C, with many areas seeing overnight frosts.

The Met Office is predicting a short period of significant snowfall for northern parts of Britain, with some lying snow even at low levels. Meanwhile, sleet, snow and hail showers along the eastern side of the country will replace the recent warm and settled weather.

Doug Mansfield, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, said, "The cold snap could catch people unawares after the warm start to spring. The northerly winds will bring wintry showers and a bitterly cold feel to the weather for a time early next week, before temperatures recover again later in the week."

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